

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE**

Tuesday, July 17, 2007 – 8:00 a.m. – Room W125 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Greg Bell, Senate Chair  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway, House Chair  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Peter Knudson  
Sen. Dennis E. Stowell  
Rep. Ron Bigelow  
Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. John G. Mathis  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Allison M. Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Dee S. Larsen, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Task Force Business**

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and announced the retirement of Dr. Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner of Higher Education.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bigelow moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Sen. Knudson, and Rep. Wheatley were absent for the vote.

**2. Applied Technology Governance**

Mr. Larsen distributed handouts, "Briefing Memo, Economic/Workforce Development - Career and Technical Education" and "Career and Technical Education Governance Issues." He presented an overview on the history of applied technology education governance in Utah and reviewed models of applied technology education governance used in other states.

**3. Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT)**

Mr. Robert Brems, President, Utah College of Applied Technology, distributed and reviewed handouts "UCAT Nine ATCs, 58,000 reasons," "Utah College of Applied Technology Annual Report October 2006," and a copy of his slide presentation "Role and Mission of the Utah College of Applied Technology." He gave an overview of UCAT campuses and programs and discussed issues related to UCAT's inclusion within the Utah System of Higher Education. He discussed UCAT's budget process, capital facilities, and associate degrees. Mr. Brems discussed UCAT's Northstar student information system that tracks student data and noted that UCAT is working on developing a student information system to fit the unique characteristics of UCAT and its campuses.

Mr. Brems recognized some of the members of the 2007 UCAT Board of Trustees who were present in the audience. He noted that all budget requests are submitted to the Board of Trustees for its approval and then an executive summary budget request is submitted to the legislature and to the governor.

Mr. Richard Maughan, President, Bridgerland Applied Technology College, commented on the assistance and support between applied technology institutions.

Ms. Collette Mercier, President, Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College, commented on certain apprenticeship programs and the demand for AAT/AAS degrees.

Mr. Scott Snelson, President, Salt Lake/Tooele Applied Technology College, commented on the partnership and coordination of joint programs and the sharing of facilities within certain school districts.

Mr. Brems recognized the presidents of UCAT's campuses who were in the audience: Bridgerland (President Richard Maughan), Davis (President Michael Bouwhuis), Dixie (President Richard VanAusdal), Mountainland (President Clay Christensen), Ogden-Weber (President Collette Mercier), Salt Lake/Tooele (President Scott Snelson), Southwest (President Dana Miller), and Uintah Basin (President Paul Hacking).

Mr. Don Ipson, Chair, UCAT Board of Trustees, commented on the UCAT system and noted it provides a great service to the people and to employers in the state. He thanked the legislature for its support.

Dr. Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner of Higher Education, spoke in support of the role and mission of UCAT and indicated that it is a complimentary institution to Utah's Higher Education System. He noted areas that the Task Force could consider in addressing policy issues, building needs, and degree issues.

#### **4. Substance Abuse on College Campuses**

Dr. Lucille Stoddard, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Utah System of Higher Education, distributed a handout, "Substance Abuse and Binge Drinking on Utah College and University Campus" and gave a report on the amount of binge drinking and drug abuse on campuses nation-wide and Utah college campuses. She noted Utah is at or below the national average for substance abuse of alcohol and drugs. She commented that she will be meeting with the student services leaders at the campuses soon to address alcohol and drug use on campuses.

#### **5. Higher Education Enhancements**

Sen. Dennis E. Stowell distributed and noted that S.B. 90, "Higher Education Enhancements," which was enacted in the 2007 General Session and appropriated \$7,500,000 to higher education institutions to expand or create degree programs. He suggested that the Task Force consider whether a similar bill should be introduced in the 2008 General Session.

Dr. Kendell indicated that they were in support of the 2007 bill and discussed possible institutional priorities for a 2008 bill.

Chair Bell asked that the Board of Regents review the options for draft legislation and that Dr. Kendell come back with a general plan and report to the task force.

#### **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Bell indicated that the next meeting of the Task Force was scheduled for August 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mathis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dmitrich and Rep. Bigelow absent for the vote.

Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.